

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3615 - HB 3467**

February 18, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires Tennessee history to be taught in all public high schools.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$14,000/One-Time**

**Increase Local Expenditures\* - \$15,454,800/Recurring  
\$3,237,300/Every Six Years**

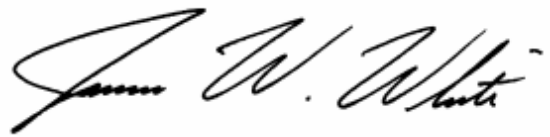
Assumptions:

- Cost will not be covered under BEP funding formula.
- Course will be offered in grades 10-12. In 2007, there were 161,863 students in grades 10-12. It is assumed that one quarter of those students will take this course each year. 40,466 students will take the course a year ( $161,863 \times 25\% = 40,466$ ).
- There are 324 public high schools in Tennessee. Each high school will offer the course every year as one credit taken over both semesters. Each high school will have approximately 125 students in the course per year ( $40,466 \text{ students} / 324 \text{ high schools} = 125 \text{ students}$ ). It is assumed that each class will be taught five periods a day and will be limited to 25 students per period ( $125 \text{ students} / 5 \text{ periods} = 25 \text{ students}$ ). Each high school will need one additional teacher to teach this course at a cost of \$47,700 (includes salary and benefits) per teacher. The cost for 324 teachers will be \$15,454,800 ( $324 \times \$47,700 = \$15,454,800$ ).
- Textbooks will be purchased at a cost of \$80 per textbook. Textbooks are purchased on a six-year cycle. The cost for textbooks is estimated to be \$3,237,280 recurring every six years ( $40,466 \times \$80 = \$3,237,280$ ).
- According to the Department of Education, the curriculum committee will meet 4 times at a cost of \$3,500 per meeting to develop this course. The total increase in one-time state expenditures is estimated to be \$14,000 ( $4 \times \$3,500 = \$14,000$ ).

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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